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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB249** by Hernandez (Relating to investigations of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation and to child protective services functions of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code, Government Code, and Human Resources Code relating to investigations of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation and to child protective services functions of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

The bill would transfer certain investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation at licensed child care facilities from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). This analysis assumes that the cost to the state would be net zero as any additional costs at DFPS would be offset by corresponding cost savings at HHSC.

The analysis assumes that the remaining duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 644 Juvenile Justice Department, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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